



EDUCATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
NOTES
June 1, 2006

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The June 1, 2006, meeting of the Education Telecommunications Council was held at Iowa Public Television and via various ICN sites. The following members were present at the meeting: Jim Bodensteiner, Regents; Paul Bowers, IAICU; Dean Cook, SAI; Pat Thieben for Merv Cronbaugh, IACCT; Greg Davis, IASB; Tim Dose, SAI; Glenn Grove, AEA Boards; Ellen Kabat Lensch, IACCT; David Montgomery, DE/CIANS; Kathryn O'Shaughnessy, ISEA; Terry Rinehart, IPTV; Kay Runge, DE/Public Libraries; Gail Sullivan, DE; and Mary Travillian, AEA Boards. Al Bode, ISEA; Mary Gannon, IASB; and Chet Rzonca, Regents; were absent.

The following guests were also present at the meeting: Patty Fairchild, RTC 1; Larry Niebur, RTC 2; Theresa Ziegler, RTC 3; Colette Scott and Mary Wagner, RTC 4; Kathy Goebel, RTC 5; Julie Thomas, RTC 6; Joe Coon, RTC 9; Wendell Maakestad, RTC 10; Jan Robertson, Region 10 Scheduler; Dennis Yoshimura, RTC 11; Pam Southworth, RTC 13; Linda Abel, RTC 15; Rebecca Hannum, RTC 16; Tami Fujinaka, Gail Cline, and Joe Cassis, ICN; Judy Jones, State Library; Robin Madison, Legislative Services Agency; and Kathy Borlin, Gwen Nagel, and Deb Fiscus, IPTV.

II. ISSUES

A. ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines

A.1. Approval of ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines

Following a brief discussion this motion was made:

MOTION 1

Dean Cook moved to approve the 2007 ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines as submitted. Mary Travillian seconded.

Ayes-14, Nays-0, Absent-4, Not voting-0. Motion passed unanimously.

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2. Responsibility of ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines

From the beginning of the ICN, the responsibility of developing the educational video scheduling deadlines has been with IPTV. Following a brief discussion, and with the agreement from Joe Cassis of the ICN, this responsibility will be moved to the ICN commencing with the 2008 deadlines.

B. Approval of RTC Funding Plan and Guidelines for FY 2007

Kathy Borlin provided an overview of the RTC funding guidelines document for FY 07. Following a brief discussion, this motion was made:

MOTION 2

Kay Runge moved that the document, "Guidelines for Educational Support Funds Regional Telecommunication Councils FY2007" provided by Kathy Borlin of IPTV, be approved as submitted. Terry Rinehart seconded.

Ayes-14, Nays-0, Absent-4, Not voting-0. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Recruitment of ETC Members for Review of RTC Plans

The following ETC members volunteered to assist Kathy Borlin with the review of RTC plans to be submitted to IPTV no later than September 15, 2006: Jim Bodensteiner, Kathryn O'Shaughnessy, and Ellen Kabat Lensch.

D. Recommendation to the ITTC for Educational Video Rates for FY 2008

Following a brief discussion concerning ICN educational video rates, this motion was made:

MOTION 3

Pat Thieben moved that the ETC recommendation to the ITTC be that educational video rates for 2008 be maintained at the current level. Paul Bowers seconded.

Ayes-14, Nays-0, Absent-4, Not voting-0. Motion passed unanimously.

A letter of recommendation from the ETC will be sent to the ITTC prior to their scheduled rate hearing in July.

E. Recommended Funding Request for RTC Support for FY 2008

Due to the FCC's ruling that ICN scheduling is no longer eligible for E-rate funding (which removes approximately \$270,000 from RTC budgets), and the higher costs to provide technical services, training, and professional development to schools for ICN services, as well as video scheduling, the RTCs will be forced to suspend some of these services unless funding is provided. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION 4

Glenn Grove moved that the ETC support a recommendation for RTC funding that would restore funds lost due to a change in e-rate laws (\$270,000) and funds to cover the costs of training and professional development(\$250,000) for a total RTC funding request of \$1,760,478 for 2008. Dean Cook seconded.

Ayes-14, Nays-0, Absent-4, Not voting-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Grove will work with Terry Rinehart to produce a written recommendation to be submitted to Iowa Public Television.

F. Educational Classes Survey

Terry Rinehart and Kathy Borlin provided information concerning the current procedure of gathering of ICN stats and informed members of the rise in K-12 ICN use.

III. UPDATES

A. Annual ETC Update to the ITTC on May 18, 2006

Gail Sullivan presented an oral report to the ITTC on May 18, 2006. Some of the issues discussed were E-rate eligibility for scheduling, RTC funding, and increased K-12 use of ICN services.

B. ICN Legislative Update

Tami Fujinaka of the ICN provided a document and overview of legislative action for the 2006 session.

HF 2782—Equipment appropriation of \$1,997,500 (ICN), and Part III FY 07 appropriation of \$2,727,000 (Dept of Ed)—Bill was signed by the Governor on 5/31/06.

HF 2527—RTC Appropriation (IPTV)--\$1,240,478 General Fund—Bill was scheduled to be signed by the Governor on 6-1-06.

~~A~~.HF 2686—Retention of Interest (ICN), Annual Five-year Report (ICN) (eliminated), Advisory Committees (eliminated except ETC & RTCs)—Bill was signed by the Governor on 5/23/06.

For further information, contact Tami Fujinaka at tami.fujinaka@iowa.gov.

C. ICN Update

Gail Cline, ICN public relations, informed members of her role in the increased promotion of the ICN and will have statistics and promo materials available in July. Gail also stated that she will be presenting at the SAI conference in August, and is scheduled to present at the IASB conference and the Iowa PTA.

Joe Cassis, Deputy Director, ICN, presented an overview of the future of the ICN and its services, including but not limited to, multicasting and unicasting. He stated that he is scheduled to present this concept at the SAI conference in August and has already presented at the IDLA and IACT conferences, as well as participated in a meeting with IDCDC (digital content delivery), and region 11 representatives. He wishes to promote this concept around the state and to schedule more presentations; members suggested the

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superintendents advisory council meeting with Judy Jeffrey, and the monthly AEA meeting with superintendents. For more information concerning future ICN plans, please contact Joe at joseph.cassis@iowa.gov.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Hand-off to New ETC Chair

Gail Sullivan turned over the ETC gavel to the new chair, Jim Bodensteiner.

B. New Chair to Select ETC Executive Committee

Jim Bodensteiner selected the ETC Executive Committee for June 06-June 07 term. They are: Jim Bodensteiner, Regents (Chair); Gail Sullivan, DE (past-Chair); the new Chair-elect; Mary Travillian, AEAs; Kathryn O'Shaughnessy, ISEA; Paul Bowers, IAICU; Dean Cook, SAI; Ellen Kabat Lensch, IACCT; and upon her agreement, Mary Gannon, IASB.

C. Election of ETC Chair-Elect

Kay Runge accepted the nomination to be Chair-elect for the June 07-June 08 term.

~~IV.V.~~ ADJOURNMENT

The June 1, 2006, meeting of the Education Telecommunications Council adjourned at 11:45 am. The next meeting of the ETC is December 21, 2006, at Iowa Public Television.

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